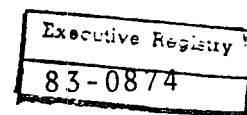


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The Honorable William J. Casey, Chairman
National Foreign Intelligence Board
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Chairman:

For over thirty years the Department of Labor has been actively involved in international activities in support of U.S. foreign policy objectives. It has played a leading role in U.S. participation in the International Labor Organization and other multinational bodies. As a member of the Board of the Foreign Service it participates in the management of the Foreign Service and also shares with the Department of State in the administration of the labor attache program. The Department has had extensive policy and operational responsibilities relating to foreign trade and investment, technical assistance and cultural exchange activities.

In the field of research and analysis, the Department of Labor has been engaged in continuing programs and special projects relating to international trade union organizations, foreign labor movements, wages and employment, productivity comparisons and human resource development. The Department has published studies on labor in over 75 countries.

In addition to personnel with substantive operational responsibilities, the Department has a special staff of area advisers who maintain expert knowledge of labor and related political and economic developments throughout the world. Our experience and accumulated knowledge in the field of international labor is unmatched by any other governmental agency or academic institution.

With the growing impact of labor developments on U.S. interests abroad, the Department has increased its efforts to analyze these developments, to assess their impact on U.S. interests, and to develop recommendations for actions which may support foreign policy goals and strategies. Expanding communist influence in foreign labor movements and international organizations and the deterioration of labor economic conditions throughout the world pose serious threats to major U.S. political, economic, military and commercial interests.

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Discussions with officials of the National Security Council and the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the Department of State indicate the need for improved policy-oriented analysis of labor developments abroad. The Department has been encouraged to seek membership on the National Foreign Intelligence Board. This will greatly facilitate our access to the full range of intelligence data necessary for our work and the opportunity to identify gaps that may need to be filled. It will assure that our effort are fully coordinated with and supportive of efforts of other agencies involved in research and analysis. It will enable our special insights and perspectives of domestic and foreign labor to be factored into assessments of foreign developments and the formulation of effective responses.

It is timely and appropriate for the Department of Labor to be granted membership on the National Foreign Intelligence Board, and I seek your favorable consideration of our request. I assure you that the Department will comply fully with the responsibilities and obligations required of all members of the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raymond J. Donovan

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